**Friends of the History Center**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2023**

**5:30 PM (via Zoom)**

Meeting was called to order by Ron Melvin.

No citizens were present.

**MINUTES**

Pam made a motion to approve March 2023 minutes. Melinda seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS’S REPORT**

Melinda:

* Melinda made a motion and Ron seconded to accept March 2023 treasurer’s report. Motion passed.
* Melinda needs signed copy with date of March minutes from Dave. Noted and will do.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Pam:

* Will give report to Commissioner’s Court re 1st quarter.
* Is keeping in contact with Keep Aransas Beautiful.
* Passport seems to be active, just not too many visitors at HC.

**DEVELOPMENT**

Melinda:

* Coastal Bend Community Foundation: she will coordinate w/ Pam re grants (due May 1).
  + Need a plan for 2024 (tentative topics, e.g., items on April agenda discussed, plus Ron mentioned idea of highlighting the various events/festivals that have been important to the community).
  + Tentatively agreed to health care, ghost towns of Copano Bay, and events/festivals.

**EDUCATION**

Pam:

* Cruise went well.
* April 13, 11:30 AM: docent training for Art and Fossils.
* April 15. 10 AM: Exhibits: Student Art Celebrating History, awards and Fossils display will be open.
* April 22, 10 AM: hands-on demonstration by Randy Bissell.
* May 20: “Our Heritage from the Range: Ranching & Farming” – participants need to submit posters by 4/17/23.
* MoM:
  + partner with Museum on Main St. (MoM) for exhibit from Smithsonian Heritage – Amy is organizing activities.
  + exhibit is about rural communities moving from farms to cities (“crossroads”); need to find location; can possibly use “Our Heritage from the Range” posters.
* Ron made motion and Pam seconded to pursue participating in the exhibit. Motion passed.

**FACILITIES**

Ron and Pam:

* Additional signs (per agenda).
* Garden event should be set up (celebrate new bench and signage).
* Ross family donated $500.
* Renee Butler overseeing maintenance.

Melinda:

* New library is basically built and will receive final touches.
* Need to schedule a day for LAC Class to come and help prep for install.

**PUBLICITY**

Ron:

* Pilot ,etc. has been effective.
* Pam did Happy Hour at Fulton Mansion.
* Melinda will host LAC Class at HC on 4/12/23.
* Amy: Chamber attractions 4/13/23.

**COLLECTIONS**

Joe and Pam:

* Still looking for an intern from a local ISD, but Maggie Eckhoff will be trained and will assist.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Action needed on recruitment; Melinda will engage LAC Class; maybe “Voices” can be used to recruit.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ron:

* Continue to develop 2024 plan for exhibits
* Next meeting is May 9th at 5:30 PM (via Zoom).

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Dave Kroskie

Present at meeting:

Ron Melvin

Pam Stranahan

Melinda Gudim

Joe Fox

Dave Kroskie